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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF: MEETING WITH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT CARRO

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1. ON JANUARY 12, 1976, CODEL WOLFF PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, LIC. ALFONSO CARRO. AMBASSADOR TODMAN AND DCM LANE ALSO PARTICIPATED.
2. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF EXPLAINED THE CODEL'S MISSION AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE POSITIVE RESPONSE IT HAD RECEIVED ON NARCOTICS MATTERS IN BOTH MEXICO AND COSTA RICA. LIC. CARRO AGREED THAT THE NARCOTICS PROBLEMS IS A SERIOUS ONE ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND COSTA RICA SHOULD COOPERATE.
3. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF ALSO EXPLAINED THE ROLE OF HIS SUB-COMMITTEE ON FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. CARRO RESPONDED THAT CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND COSTA RICA ARE DESIREABLE. AFTER A LONG PERIOD IN WHICH THE U.S. HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED OUTSIDE LATIN AMERICA, HE SAID, IT IS NOW OPPORTUNE TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS A GREAT RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL IN COSTA RICA, CARRO WENT ON. COSTA RICA CAN BE HELPFUL TO THE U.S., AND THE U.S. CAN HELP COSTA RICA IN SUCH CRITICAL AREAS AS TECHNOLOGY, TRADE POLICY AND PURCHASES TO KEY COMMODITIES LIKE MEAT AND SUGAR.

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4. LIC CARRO STATED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS
WORKING IN COSTA RICA, AND THE ASSEMBLY PLAYS A CENTRAL
ROLE. BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEE THE
CONTINUATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS HERE, HE
CONCLUDED. TODMAN

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